

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

November/December 2012

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: (Isaiah 55:6)

God has given each of us time on earth to find Him, that is, if we want to find Him. The amount of time we have is limited, and we don't know how long that will be. Maybe a day longer, a week, a year, or 50 years. However long the Lord gives us, we need to prepare ourselves to meet our Lord now while we still can. Once we die it's too late.

Ministry News

With the Christmas season behind us, we have time to reflect on the past year and the many blessings the Lord has provided. We enjoyed having Dave's parents visit in April, followed by Erica in June. Our teammates, the Warners, experienced the joy of the birth of Lucy. Likewise, 2012 was a year of new responsibilities and challenges in Luncsoara. God has been with us each step of the way. We have learned much about ourselves and ministry through these past five months especially through the ups and downs of church planting in the Gypsy culture. Even the Gypsies acknowledge the difficulty of this work, be it the poverty, or the gossip, or the lack of unity in the home and community. Satan continues to find ways to impede the work, but we know he cannot stop it.

We are thankful for the help we have had from our teammates, Tim Fink and Travis Gravley, as they have been preaching on Thursdays, which has freed Dave's time to focus on Sundays.

Christmas was clearly the most challenging time this year with numerous activities. Add to that, hours connected with the property purchase, and it made for a stressful time.

On Christmas Day Ruth directed the children's program and gave a gift package to each child that participated. Over 20 adults attended (mostly visitors), and 73 children received packages. That program was followed by our adult service with even more visitors. After the service we had a special meal prepared mostly by Tarzan and Amalia. Imagine preparing a four-course meal for 30 people over a small wood-burning stove!



Property Update

It's been a long journey with the property, but we were able to sign a provisional contract in early December until the owner secures the remaining documents. We hope to finish the purchase in January. Unfortunately the buildings were not legally transacted previously (long story), so they will need to be torn down. Continue to pray for wisdom in this process and for our church family to remain patient. They are anxious to get working on things, which would provide some income during the long winter months. However, we are not ready to begin any work until we have the final contract.

Several gifts have come in toward this project, and the Warners have received commitments for a significant portion of the estimated \$35,000 for land and building expenses. If you would like to give, please send your gift to Baptist Mid-Missions, Romania Luncsoara Church (Project #804903).

Kid's Corner

Celeste has had a tough two months health-wise. In November she was diagnosed with appendiceal colic and needed to receive IV antibiotics twice-a-day for five days. She is still having some stomach discomfort and may need further examination. The same week she finished that treatment she was bitten by a dog in Luncsoara and needed to receive a series of three rabies shots in the arm. Praise the Lord she has done very well through it all.

Furlough Plans

We are in the midst of our fourth year in Romania, which means our scheduled furlough time is soon approaching. We are planning to return to the U.S. during the first week of July. We will be visiting our supporting churches during the fall of 2013 and spring of 2014. Pray for furlough preparations and that we would find a furnished or partially furnished home or apartment in the Cincinnati area.

Praises

- God's strength and direction throughout the past year.
- Provisional contract on the property in Luncsoara.
- Numerous guests that came to church on Christmas Day.

Prayer Requests

- Finalize the purchase of the property in Luncsoara.
- For continued healing of Celeste.
- Continued political/economic stability in Romania.

Thank you for helping us serve in Romania another year.

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber